

Illinois State Library
300 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62701

Ms. Susan McCormick, Fiscal Manager
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E. Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62701-1827

May 13, 2009

Dear Susan,

Pursuant to Public Act 93-0797, the Illinois State Library is again requesting funding from the Illinois Commerce Commission from the Accessible Electronic Information Service Fund.

The Office of the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library will continue to contract with the National Federation of the Blind to provide NewsLine newspaper service to residents in Illinois that qualify for library services to the blind and physically handicapped as defined by the National Library Service, Library of Congress. The technology utilized for his service is indeed that specified in this legislation as proposed to the Illinois General Assembly, by the Illinois Federation of the Blind.

We anticipate the annual cost for this service to be \$77,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. The pending FY10 appropriation to our office for this service is for that amount. Please note that the FY09 actual cost did not total the amount requested. The actual cost was only \$72,083 and there is a balance in the account of \$4,917. This amount could be applied to the FY10 agreement or we can refund that amount to your office. Please advise how you wish this to be handled.

I have provided your office with a detailed report of enrollment for this service. There are currently 1,089 users statewide. The annual cost per user is only \$66.19, which is very cost effective. Similar print materials could not be provided to these subscribers for that amount.

In the event you require further clarification of this information, do not hesitate to contact me at (217) 782-3504.

Sincerely,



Greg McCormick
Fiscal Officer



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

June 3, 2009

Mary Baksys
Office of the Treasurer
300 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62702

Re: Public Act 093-0797 Accessible Electronic Information Act

Dear Ms. Baksys:

Public Act 093-0797 section 15 states the Director (State Librarian) by rule shall develop and implement a program of grants to qualified entities for the provision of accessible electronic information service to blind and disabled person persons throughout Illinois. The grants shall be funded through appropriations from the Accessible Electronic Information Service Fund established in Section 20.

Public Act 093-0797 Section 20 states that each month the State Treasurer shall transfer 1/12th of the amount determined under subsection (a) from the Digital Divide Elimination Infrastructure Fund into the Accessible Electronic Information Service Fund.

The amount to transfer for Fy10 is \$72,083.12.

Just let me know if there is any additional information that you need. I can be reached at 557-2598.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue McCormick".

Sue McCormick
Fiscal Manager
Illinois Commerce Commission

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